

# Farewell Honors Utah Health Chief

Dr. G. D. Carlyle Thompson, Utah State Director of Health since 1961, was honored by more than 200 friends and associates Thursday during a farewell dinner at the Rode-way Inn, 154 W. 6th South.

In tribute to Dr. Thompson's contributions to public health in Utah, Dr. D. Keith Barnes, chairman of the state board of health, announced the establishment of a fund for a Thompson Library, to be built in the new State Division of Health Building.

According to Dr. Barnes, approximately \$1,000 has been donated so far.

Gov. Calvin L. Rampton presented a certificate of public service to Dr. Thompson, who is a member of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers and the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Indian Health.

Dr. Homer E. Smith, past president of the Utah State Medical Assn., discussed



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Gala Sendoff by Friends**

briefly the increasing need for more medical personnel, particularly ophthalmologists, in public health.

A past board member from American Fork, O. DeVere Wootton, said the decade prior to Dr. Thompson's arrival as health director "saw the health department at about its lowest point in history."

"Within 10 years, there were eight health directors. The 1950s were almost a period of entire decline — every layman seemed to feel he was an expert in public health."

However, said Mr. Wootton, under Dr. Thompson's leadership new rules and regulations have been established for hospitals, plumbing, nursing homes, waste disposal, open burning, comprehensive mental health and mental retardation planning, air sampling and radiation monitoring.

Before coming to Salt Lake City in 1961, Dr. Thompson served as executive officer and secretary of the Montana State Board of Health.